## **FALLS CITY CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

The Falls City City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center located at 320 N. Main Street

## **Council Members Present:**

Councilor Nick Backus via Zoom, Councilor Martha Jirovec, Councilor Tony Meier, Councilor Dennis Sickles, Councilor Lori Jean Sickles. Council President Amy Houghtaling was excused.

## **Staff Present**

City Manager AJ Foscoli, City Recorder Jeremy Teal

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Announcements, Appointments, Appreciations & Proclamations	There were none.
Public Comment	There were no comments.
Public Hearing	
Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. regarding HD22-01 – Hardship for 141 Bridge St.	
Staff Report	Mr. White gave a brief staff report regarding the hardship application, the criteria and the seven conditions for the placement of a manufactured home at 141 Bridge Street.
Councilor Questions	Councilor D Sickles asked if the existing septic tank was large enough to handle the second home on the property. Mr. White explained the septic tank was adequate for the additional temporary dwelling.
Applicant Report	Patricia Davenport, 141 Bridge St. noted after the approval from the city they could take everything to the county for permits and approval through the sanitarian.
Councilor Questions	There were none.
Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.	It was moved by Council D Sickles to adopt HD 22-01, subject to the conditions above based on findings in the staff report in response to the applicable approval criteria. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, and LJ Sickles voting YES.

Consent Agenda a) September 9, 2022 Minutes	It was moved by Councilor Meier to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the street closure addition. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Backus and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, Sickles, and LJ Sickles voting YES.
Reports or Comments from Mayor and Council Members	
a) Mayor's Report	Mayor Bailey reported the skate park was moving along with a survey to vote for 4 differently styles of a skate park and then they would move into design phase. He noted the best part was the ability to manipulate certain aspects of the park for the final product. Councilor D Sickles asked if the amphitheater was still going to be incorporated. Mayor Bailey announced it would.
b) Councilor Comments	Councilor Jirovec asked about the signage for the mill lot. Mr. Foscoli noted we were working on them. She asked what the construction was at the rv park and if they had gotten permits. Mr. teal noted that he knew nothing about construction there and that no permits had been pulled. She asked if the coffee shop had all of its permits. Mr. Teal noted that they had all their permits and were slowly making progress.
	She also asked about the updates to the city codes. Mr. Foscoli stated that he was continuing discussions with the sheriffs. He noted he was less inclined to have a small contract rather than some code enforcement. Councilor D Sickles asked how much a contract would be with the sheriffs. Mr. Foscoli stated it would at least \$100,000. Councilor D Sickles suggested a workshop to discuss public safety. Councilor Jirovec shared there were a lot of grants for fire departments next year. She also noted that an investment of \$25,000 for a grant writing person would allow the city to get larger grants.
c) Historic Landmark Committee	There were no comments.
Reports from City Manager & Staff  a) Falls City Fire Report	Councilor Meier noted he was concerned about the truck replacement. Councilor Jirovec stated that the Council should wait and see if the levy passes.

b) Fire Protection Plan	Al gave a brief staff report regarding the outside city limits residents that would receive fire protection.
	It was moved by Councilor D Sickles to direct the Fire Chief to enter into Fire Service contracts with a specified number of Polk County residents living in the vicinity of Falls City. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor LI Sickles and CARRIED with a vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and LI Sickles voting YES.
c) Sheriff Report d) Falls City Public Works Report	There were no comments. There were no comments.
e) City Manager	Mr. Foscoli reported on the football field, code enforcement, radar speed signs, CUSI, and safe routes to school.
Resolutions	Mr. Foscoli gave brief staff report regarding the Resolution and stated that the city would only have to fund \$1.2 Million for the sewer project.
	It was moved by Councilor Jirovec to adopt 07-2022. A resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for, receive and administer a USDA RD Loan to fund construction of a new city wasterwater facility. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Meier and carried with a roll call vote of 5-0 with Councilors Backus, Jirovec, Meier, D Sickles, and LI Sickles voting YES.
Good of the Order	Councilor Jirovec asked if the dates for the Thanksgiving dinner could be put in the newsletter. She also noted Meals on Wheels had meals they could deliver, but they don't have drivers. She mentioned the deliveries would be a weeks' worth of frozen meals.
	Councilor D Sickles advised about the upcoming sporting events with the girls volleyball district tourney and then possibly off to the state tournament. He noted the last football game would be Friday, October 28 for Homecoming.
	Mayor Bailey asked about the plan to remove the truck and trailer from across the high school. Mr. Foscoli noted that the IGA with the County allowed them to tag and tow vehicles.

	Mayor Bailey reported the neighbor across from the Mill Lot notified him of three lifted trucks doing donuts in the lot. He mentioned that he asked for video or license plates and the neighbor stated he would try. Mayor Bailey noted that winter was coming and safe routes to school should be a priority. He also noted that an emergency action plan should be put together for no water or power. Mayor Bailey declared that after the November election he would like to deliver a State of the City address.
Adjourn	Mayor Bailey thanked Mr. Foscoli and Mr. Teal for the new Council setup.  There being no further business the meeting was
Read and approved this 15 day of Novemb	adjourned at 6:53 p.m.
Mayor: Mayor: ATTEST:  City Recorder:	